

REMARKS

The Office Action dated July 14, 2004 has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments to the drawings, and the following remarks, are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

Applicants note that prosecution on the merits, with respect to the above-cited application, is closed in accordance with *Ex parte Quayle*. Claims 5-48 are pending and have been allowed. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the allowance of the claims.

Figures 1A, 1B, and 1C were objected to because of minor informalities. The figures were objected to because they did not include a legend, such as prior art, indicating that only that which is old is illustrated. The above informalities are corrected through the enclosed Replacement Sheets for Figures 1A, 1B, and 1C. Approval of the substitute sheets is respectfully requested.

As all claims, namely claims 5-48, have been indicated as being allowed, and all outstanding issues have been addressed, Applicants respectfully request that the instant application be allowed to proceed to issue.

If for any reason the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by telephone, the applicants' undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, the applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures: Replacement Sheets for Figures 1A, 1B, and 1C.